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IMPLANTS)

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated February 10, 2005, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Action dated February 10, 2005 in the above-identified application.

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 Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.
 An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 with 1 document including translation are enclosed.

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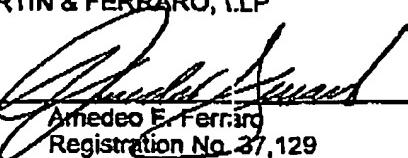
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Respectfully submitted,
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